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**TODAY'S WEATHER:** Light variable winds, mainly Easterly; fair or fine.

1 p.m. Observations: Barometric pressure, 1003.7 mbs. 29.64 in. Temperature, 85.1 deg. F. Dew point, 69 deg. F. Relative humidity, 59. Wind direction, North-west. Wind force, 7 knots. Low water: 1 ft. 6 in. at 3.47 p.m. High water: 5 ft. 4 in. at 10.17 p.m.

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## WHAT IS YOUR COST OF LIVING?

### Questionnaire For The Housewife

Adopting a suggestion made by a correspondent, the Hongkong Telegraph today starts a Gallup Poll in the form of a questionnaire in an attempt to reach a reasonably accurate estimate of the current cost of living of families in Hongkong. Readers are cordially invited to fill in the questionnaire which will be found on the back page, and to send it to The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph, Wyndham Street, envelopes to be marked "HGL Questionnaire".

The questionnaire will appear daily in these columns for a week and the result announced shortly afterwards.

### TU VEE-PIN'S DEFENCE

Shanghai, Sept. 16.—Tu Vee-Pin, British educated son of the city's foremost industrial and political leader, Tu Yuch-Hsen, who was arrested on September 3 in connection with the "giant bear" stock case, told a packed court yesterday afternoon that his subordinates were entirely responsible for his stock exchange transactions.

Dressed in a long Chinese gown, Tu explained that he was only interested in the "profit and loss" of his business. The conduct of his stock firm's business was entirely the affair of his manager who, however, failed to appear yesterday.

In an air of unprecedented excitement, the heavily guarded District Court also tried Lin Lo-Keng, big-time stock exchange operator, Li Kuo-Lan, wife of the Finance Ministry Secretary, Tao Chi-Ming, and Yang Shu-Yao, wife of Chu Chuan-Fan, an employee of the Chinese Petroleum Company.

Mrs. Tao, denied that she had learned of the "currency reform secret" from her husband.—Reuter.

### People Support Economic Drive

Shanghai, Sept. 16.—The people in the city have thrown their full support behind the present economic drive against unscrupulous merchants and the initial success of the campaign has increased his interest in the work. Major General Chiang Ching-kuo, the Deputy Economic Supervisor, told the City Councilors yesterday afternoon.

He emphasized that heretofore major efforts will be directed towards assisting productive enterprises. He denounced the "wait and see" attitude of merchants as "highly immoral".—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

#### Britain Also Gives

THAT the King's Speech delivered at the closing session of Parliament this week should make special reference to the "far sighted and generous" United States aid to Western Europe, indicates the important influence the Marshall Aid Plan has had on the British Labour Government's domestic and foreign policies. And assuredly without American assistance Britain would be in a much worse plight than she is today, with almost no prospects of international trade. Nevertheless, there is a danger of the world believing that Britain is receiving everything and giving nothing. This is totally untrue as witnessed by the agreement reached by the Council of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation on the distribution of EEP aid for the year ending June 30, 1949. The agreement fixes not only the respective shares of direct American aid, but the amounts of the contributions which European creditor countries will make to European debtor countries under the intra-European payments scheme which is the quintessence of self-help. As a result of the agreement Britain will be the largest contributor, after America, to European recovery. Her share of American aid will be £315,750,000, but she will contribute by grants in Sterling 22 percent of this (£70,500,000) towards covering the trade deficits of European debtor countries. In addition, she has undertaken to unfreeze £50,000,000 worth of

### Bus Collides With Train

Driffild, Yorkshire, Sept. 15.—Three men were killed and five seriously injured when a local passenger train and a bus carrying foreign workmen were in collision at a level crossing at Carton Slack, near Driffild, today.

All the casualties were among the occupants of the bus. The three men killed were Hungarian displaced persons. One Englishman was seriously injured.

Ambulances from Beverley and Driffild were rushed to the scene. The level crossing is where the main road from York to Bridlington passes over the railway track.—Reuter.

## Stalin On Vacation: Envoys Out Of Luck

London, Sept. 15.—Generalissimo Stalin is now taking his annual holiday in a "resort at a great distance from Moscow," it was authoritatively learned in London today, and this is the reason why he has not received the Western envoys this week.

Reports that he has "refused" to receive the envoys were described as inaccurate.

In any case, it was pointed out that the British Government, like the other Western Governments, is dealing with the Soviet Government and not with Generalissimo Stalin personally.

**RETURN UNKNOWN**

It is therefore considered in no way out of the ordinary that the three Western envoys should have failed to see the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, in their attempt to carry the Moscow Berlin talks a stage further.

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Earlier reports had spoken of heavy fighting near Suriyapet in which the Hyderabadis lost more than 100 men killed, and prisoners and a large quantity of arms and ammunition were captured.

The fortress town of Aurangabad, the State's second largest city, fell earlier today to the Indians, driving down from the northwest.

The Security Council meets in Paris tomorrow to discuss the conflict. A United Nations spokesman in the French capital said today that the Council would first have to determine whether or not it could examine Hyderabad's appeal.

Pandit Nehru, the Indian Premier, in Bombay tonight expressed the hope that India's operations in Hyderabad "may end very soon." Mr. Nehru, who was addressing nearly 600,000 people at an open air meeting, appealed to the Indians to be united in the face of the "grave national emergency."

India, he said, must take "warning from the calamitous conditions prevailing in Burma, Malaya and the South East Asian countries generally and another all separatist tendencies like communalism, provincialism and demand for new linguistic provinces".—Reuter.

### TALKS IN PARIS

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### U.S. Ship Fired On

Washington, Sept. 15.—The State Department has received a report that an American merchant ship, the *Moscow Brown*, was fired on off the Siberian Coast on Sept. 13.

The Department had no details. Its skeleton account of the incident came via the Maritime Commission from the vessel's owner, the Shepard Line.

There was no report here of any hits or damage, nor of the origin or number of shots. Neither did the report show the precise location of the vessel's owner, the Shepard Line.

### GRAVE RIOTS IN PARIS

Paris, Sept. 15.—The Paris police counted 20 injured gendarmes and an unofficial report estimated that 40 civilians were hurt after an hour-long clash in the centre of Paris today between the police and strikers.

The trouble began when the police tried to disperse a demonstration by the strikers, mainly from the Renault motor car factory and a state-run aero engine factory, outside the aero factory's headquarters in the Place Saint Augustin.

In the midst of the scuffling, strikers threw placards and pieces of metal grating at the police. The police finally dispersed the demonstrators with the help of detachments of the Mobile Guard.

About half of the 31,000 Renault motor plant workers were on strike early today for a monthly wage increase.

### SOME WORKERS RETURN

Daniel Mayer, Socialist Minister of Labour, said that doubtless the whole of the Renault works, in the Douaune Billancourt suburb, would be "occupied by order of the Cominform."

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### WANTS ENCOURAGEMENT

Mr. Marshall added that he would welcome a little encouragement. He referred primarily to the three power talks with Russia over the Berlin blockade. He declined to comment on the question whether his statements meant that negotiations in the past ten days "have not improved the international situation."

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### Finds Taxes Too High

Carnarvon, Sept. 15.—"I am leaving the place because of very high taxation and because I can't find the staff," said Lord Newborough today in announcing that he intends to vacate Glynllifon Hall and estate of 1,000 acres near Carnarvon.

The fifth Baron, who is 70 years of age and childless, Lord Newborough is to hand over his ancestral home to the public trustee and will soon leave with his wife to live on the South Coast.

For 14 years only the ground floor of the mansion has been occupied and the 26 gardeners have been reduced to four.

A famous herd of Welsh Black cattle has been sold and there are to be further sales of furniture and heirlooms.—Reuter.

## 19 New Buses On Hongkong Roads Soon

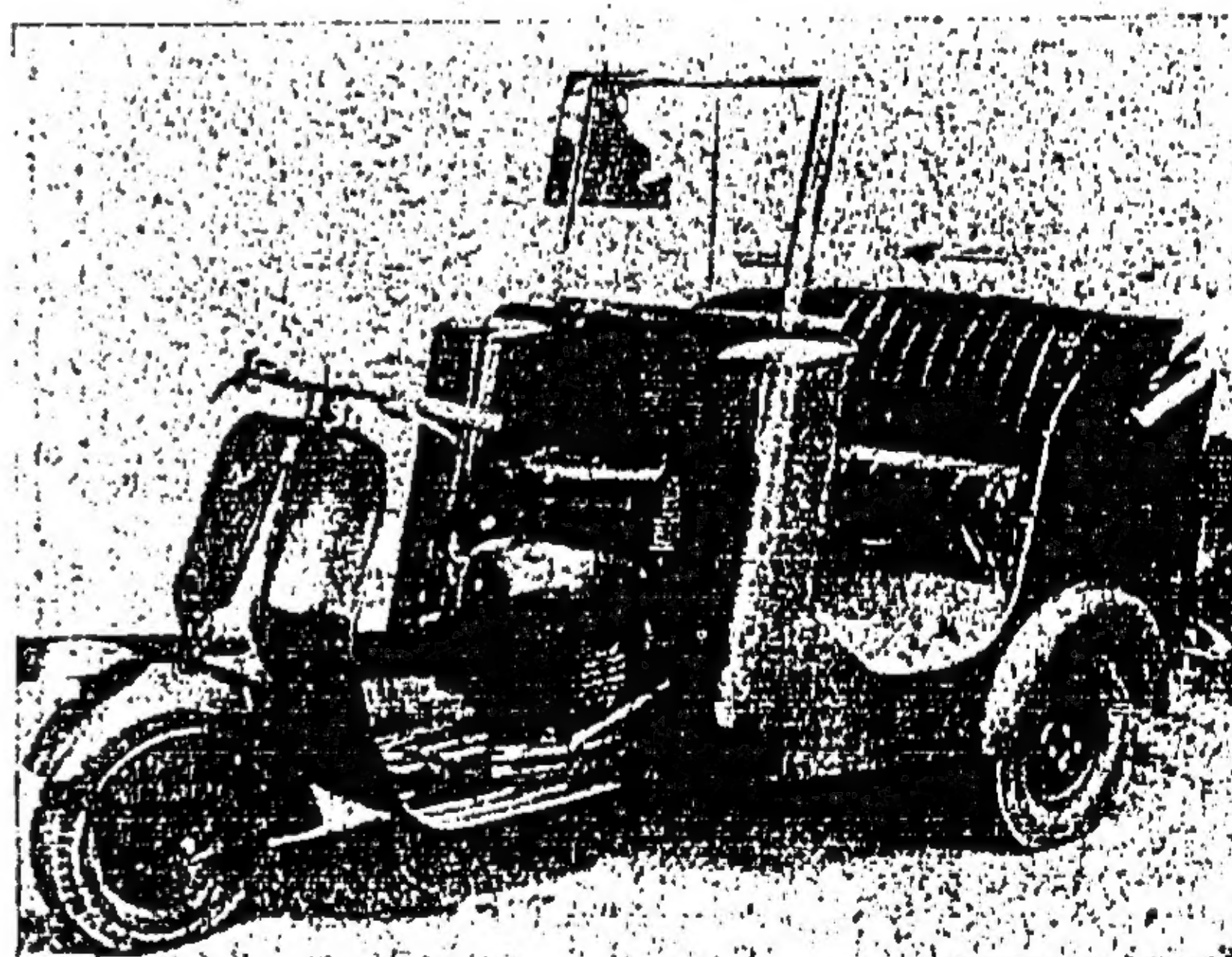
By the middle or end of October, 19 new and larger buses will supplement those now running on the lower level routes.

These new buses will be capable of seating 36 passengers instead of the usual 25, and will be equipped with the latest sponge-rubber seats, which are not only comfortable, but do away with the need for springs.

The chassis are at the China Motor Bus depot, having just arrived from the U.K., but the bodies are being manufactured locally.

Eleven more similar chassis are expected here by October 1, and 12 new 25-seaters, similar to those now in use on Garden Road are on order from the U.K. and are due to be shipped during the last week of October.

When the whole commitment arrives, the China Motor Bus Co. might then consider the running of double deckers to North Point and along the level roads.



## Scooter Cab To Undergo Hongkong Police Test

Sometime next week the Scooter Cab will have its first test, and if approved by the Police will be on the streets within a couple of months.

Rickshaws will be off the streets by the first of next month.

A type of Rickshaw has already been approved, but it is a question of supplying enough to meet the demand.

The Scooter Cab comes from Italy where it is now used in all the big cities.

Pictures of the vehicle were sent to England in order to find out if English manufacturers were interested in building them for Hongkong but none could be found to make the vehicle.

## Cominform Design In Asia

### To Drive Out All Opposition

London, Sept. 15.—The British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said today in the House of Commons, that the Cominform had launched an attempt to sweep "all opposition" from Southeast Asia.

"The Government has known for some time how the Cominform policy is working in the world," Mr. Bevin said.

He expressed the fear that suppression in Malaya and other parts of Southeast Asia would only mean Communist outbreaks in "Africa or somewhere else."

Mr. Bevin said: "Throughout Southeast Asia, there is a Cominform plan to drive every opposition out of that territory including trade. This problem has been going on ever since the Marxist-Lenin theory was adopted not only in Malaya, but elsewhere. It is a clash between two philosophies which will continue to break out."

He said that it would be suppressed in Malaya and offered to Burma "anything the Government could do to assist" in restoring order there.

### TYPICAL PATTERN

He said that the pattern of uprising in Malaya was typical of the Communist activities, which "even if we suppress it in Malaya, which we shall, may break out in Africa or somewhere else."

"If this method of stirring up civil war as an instrument of foreign policy goes on as it has since the war closed, first in one territory and then in the other, no one can foresee the end," Mr. Bevin said.

He said that in Malaya, sections of people have been assigned to "go in and organise these troubles."

"We are up against a plan, and we shall be bound unfortunately by a 'road' many citizens are said to have been murdered in Malaya since the fighting started, including 12 Europeans and most of the rest, Chinese, and that the British forces had lost 40 men while killing 120 terrorists and detaining 7,000 more."

Of the Communist plan in Southeast Asia, Mr. Bevin said: "Speaking for Britain, and I think for the Commonwealth, we are now seized by the effects of this policy and wherever it rears its ugly head, we shall have to make efforts to stamp it out. So long as it is a threat to go on, there will never be any harmony in the world at all."—United Press.

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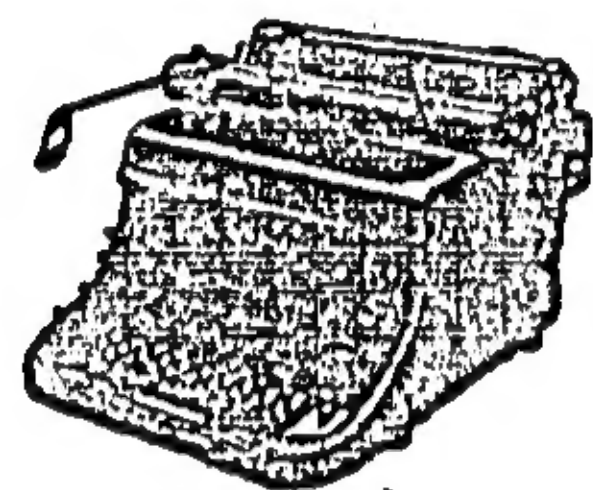


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## WOMANSENSE

### THE NIGHT SHIRT 1948



Beautiful nylon nightgown.

THE NIGHT shirt, cool and comfortable, is a great favourite with the youthful set. This one, very feminine with its ruffles and ribbons, is of blush pink crepe with lace dyed to tone. The square neckline is outlined with a lace ruffle topped by ribbon-run bending, the ribbon in baby blue. The short puffed sleeves have a narrow lace edge.



Cool and comfortable.



Nightgown of lace and nylon.

LACE and nylon combine to make a charming nightgown, a nice addition to late summer evenings. Strips of lace are set in diagonally on the bodice, and lace forms the shoulder straps and borders the top and the hem. The flared skirt is gathered onto the flared midriff.

#### Home-made bleach for sallow skins

Here's a home-made bleach for sallow skins. If you will use it as directed you will see results. One tablespoon of almond meal, 2 tablespoons of strong peroxide, 2 tablespoons ripe lemon juice, 4 tablespoons orange flower water, 10 drops of tincture of benzoin. Mix all ingredients together well or have your druggist mix them for you. Spread quickly over face and neck (and arms if you wish) and leave on for 15 minutes. Use only once a week, not oftener. Remove with warm water, then douse your face in chilled water.

## AROUND THE TOWN

With Mercia Hillaly

"I always hated school," said Mrs. Herbert Brooke, sister-in-law of the former White Rabbit of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, turning back the clock of memory to when, as young Gladys Palmer, only child of Sir Walter and Lady Palmer, of Huntley and Palmer

fame, she spent several rebellious years at Miss Wyatt's, one of those finishing schools for young ladies. But her parents made it up to Gladys when she came of age. There was a grand ball at their lovely home in Grosvenor Square and the following year, at the age of 20, Miss Palmer was married at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Her mother was famous Edwardian hostess who loved music and opened her salon to many leading celebrities, and Mrs. Brooke remembers performances by Kreisler and Kubelik.

Formerly a keen collector of antiques, she lost practically all in her home in Greece, which was sold during the war for £10. She has written a book published by The Bodley Head called "Relations and Complications," and is on the way to publishing another on comparative religion.

As a Mohammedan convert, but "not a very religious one," she scarcely ever goes to mosque. She is the mother of three girls and a boy, all married, and has seven grandchildren.

"Mrs. Brooke is now on a short holiday in Hongkong and is staying at the Gloucester."

Some of the lovely snake and crocodile skins prepared at the tannery in Sarawak were shown to me by Mrs. Brooke, who is staying with Mrs. Brooke and came out with her on the same ship. Mrs. Brooke also showed me a very smart snakeskin bag and shoes to match in silver grey which she ordered in Singapore.

She is the overseas representative for this tannery, which, she says, is one of the largest in the Far East. Snakeskin painted over with gold and silver varnish also makes good leather for evening shoes, and would be cheaper than the gold kid now being sold, for instance. I also saw some attractive samples of crocodile leather, which is now being processed in every desirable shade and colour.

Despite her sore throat, Miss Shin, honorary General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., managed to transmit much of her enthusiasm to her audience who listened to her talk yesterday evening.

She spoke of her trip to the United States, where she attended the International Study Conference in New York and was much impressed with American efficiency. And take a note of this, she found New York hotter than Hongkong!

A vibrant personality, Miss Shin is as young as she looks, but hopes that when she is over 75 there will be as nice a home for the aged, run by the Y.W., as she has seen in New York. "Why it's just like a palace!"

### Choose Bedding Carefully

By ELEANOR ROSS

BUYING bedsprings is much like building the foundation of a house. There are three classifications of bedsprings which include box-springs, metal coil springs and flat springs. In box-springs the coils are mounted on a wood base, upholstered and covered with ticking to match the mattress. Because an innerspring mattress is designed to provide two-thirds the total resistance of the bedding, the box-spring has been designed to provide the other one-third for perfect sleeping comfort, and is quite firm. Box-springs can also be used with a solid-filled mattress if an especially firm sleeping foundation is required.

Included in coil spring types are platform top, convolute top and open coil bedsprings. Both the platform top and the convolute coil bedspring provide a firm foundation and flat, semi-closed surface that makes them suitable for use with an innerspring mattress. Used with solid-filled mattresses, they provide a firm sleep foundation.

#### Link Fabric

The flat type of bedsprings—metal band, link fabric and cable wire, are generally used as the foundation of cots and roller beds. Metal band top springs, consisting of metal strips running lengthwise on the frame, and attached at the ends with small springs, can be used with innerspring mattresses. Cable wire springs are similar except that the wire used is woven out of several strands of fine wire.

By considering these types of springs and the two types of mattresses, innerspring and solid-filled, and the qualities of each, it is possible to select sleeping type combinations which will provide the exact sleeping support, comfort and resiliency required. Shop carefully, examining thoroughly before you make your selection.

### RED RYDER

They're Off Again



By Fred Harman

### Don't Abuse a Nice Skin



Beauty shop facials are fun and relaxing, too. But remember to keep up the good work at home.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT won't do to take even the loveliest complexion for granted, to believe that it will retain youthful charm and colouring without care. It has enemies in the form of atmospheric dust, harsh winds, strong sunlight. It can be affected unfavourably by digestive disorders or nervous conditions. Be kind to your complexion. Coddle and pet it. Use creams lavishly. If it is inclined to be oily apply an astringent every day. Witch hazel will serve.

Beauty shops are blessings. They are havens of rest for the weary and the over-worked. They not only refresh the body, but they do something for one's soul.

You stretch out on a comfortable chaise longue. You relax down to your toes. You can feel the tension in facial muscles easing up. The flesh glows and your heart glows with it. Some people may regard facial treatments as luxuries, but

where else can you find absolute refreshment? You may go into the pulchritude parlour with linging feet. You come out skipping, light of step.

Even though one has professional attentions, a certain amount of home work must be done. After the face washing at bedtime, rinse the face with warm water, dry gently, apply a heavy cream.

Start the application far down on the neck, stroke upward with flattened fingers, coming down with a lighter touch. Do that movement over the throat, the sides of the neck, the back too. At this season of the year the back of the neck may be browned or sun burned.

Do rotary movements over the forehead and along the jaw line. Slap and pat the cheeks, the nose and the chin. Let the cream remain on over night; the flesh will lap it up.

### BOYS AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

#### Someone Who Lives in a Box

—Mr. Punch Tells About His Friend the Tortoise—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children and the turned-about names, were sitting in their corner of the playroom talking about Jack-in-the-Box. "Poor Jack," said Knarf, "all he's got is a tiny box to live in."

"I wouldn't like to be him," said Hanid. "He hasn't room enough to turn around. The only time he gets a chance to stretch is when someone lifts the latch and the top of his box flies open. Then Jack springs up and stretches out his arms."

"It's a shame that anyone should have to live in a box," Knarf added.

#### Not the Only One

At that moment, Mr. Punch, who was sitting in his chair on the other side of the room, took his pipe out of his mouth and said slowly: "Jack isn't the only one who lives in a box. I have quite a few friends who spend all their lives in a box, and wouldn't move out of it, even if they could!"

Knarf and Hanid both wanted to know the names of Mr. Punch's strange friends who spend their lives in a box, and wouldn't move out of it, if they could.

"Well," said Mr. Punch, "there's my friend Tortoise. He's been eating and sleeping and walking around in a box for years—two or three hundred years, I think. It's true he hasn't any side to his box, just a top and a bottom. Most people call them shells, but it's a box just the same. He sticks his head out from time to time, and pulls it in every other time; he sticks his legs out when he wants to walk, and his tail out too, when he feels happy."

"Why does a tortoise stick his tail out when he feels happy?" Knarf asked in surprise.

"In order to wag it," answered Mr. Punch. "What's the use of having a tail if you don't wag it?" Without waiting for Knarf or Hanid to reply to this question, Mr. Punch went on. "And then there's Tor-



The tortoise sticks his head out from time to time.

toise's cousin Turtle. He also lives in a box. He never leaves it, either. He wouldn't know what to do with himself if he ever left his box."

"I know someone who lives in a box," Hanid suddenly said.

Mr. Punch said: "Who?"

"Snail,"

#### Round Box

Mr. Punch smiled. "That's right. It's a round box and it has a cover. Snail can open it out from the inside. And he hasn't any more room inside his box than Jack-in-the-Box has. But no one has ever heard Snail complain, have they?"

"No," said Hanid.

"Jack doesn't complain, either," said Knarf. "Only we feel sorry for him because he seemed to be so uncomfortable inside his box."

"Well, I guess maybe he's just as sorry for you, living in a box as big as this playroom. Jack hasn't got room to run around. But Jack can't fall. And Jack never has to dust his box, or sweep it, or keep the furniture in place. I shouldn't be a bit surprised if he were as happy as anyone else. Just consider this. You open up the top of his box and he springs out. But he doesn't ever spring out. You see, he doesn't want to leave his box. He must like it!"



#### SOUR CREAM CAKE

Mary McCord, has a delicious recipe for a cake that young cooks can make. Here is her recipe:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cups flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream the sugar and cream. Add eggs beaten thoroughly. Add the dry ingredients little at a time and mix thoroughly. Add the flavouring while runny. Bake in a moderate oven.

Mary says, "Any frosting is good with it."

#### ANGEL CAKE

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Bananaise is very smooth on salads. Mix together one ripe banana that has been well mashed, 1/4 c. mayonnaise and 3 tbs. peanut butter.

#### Rupert & Ting-Ling—40

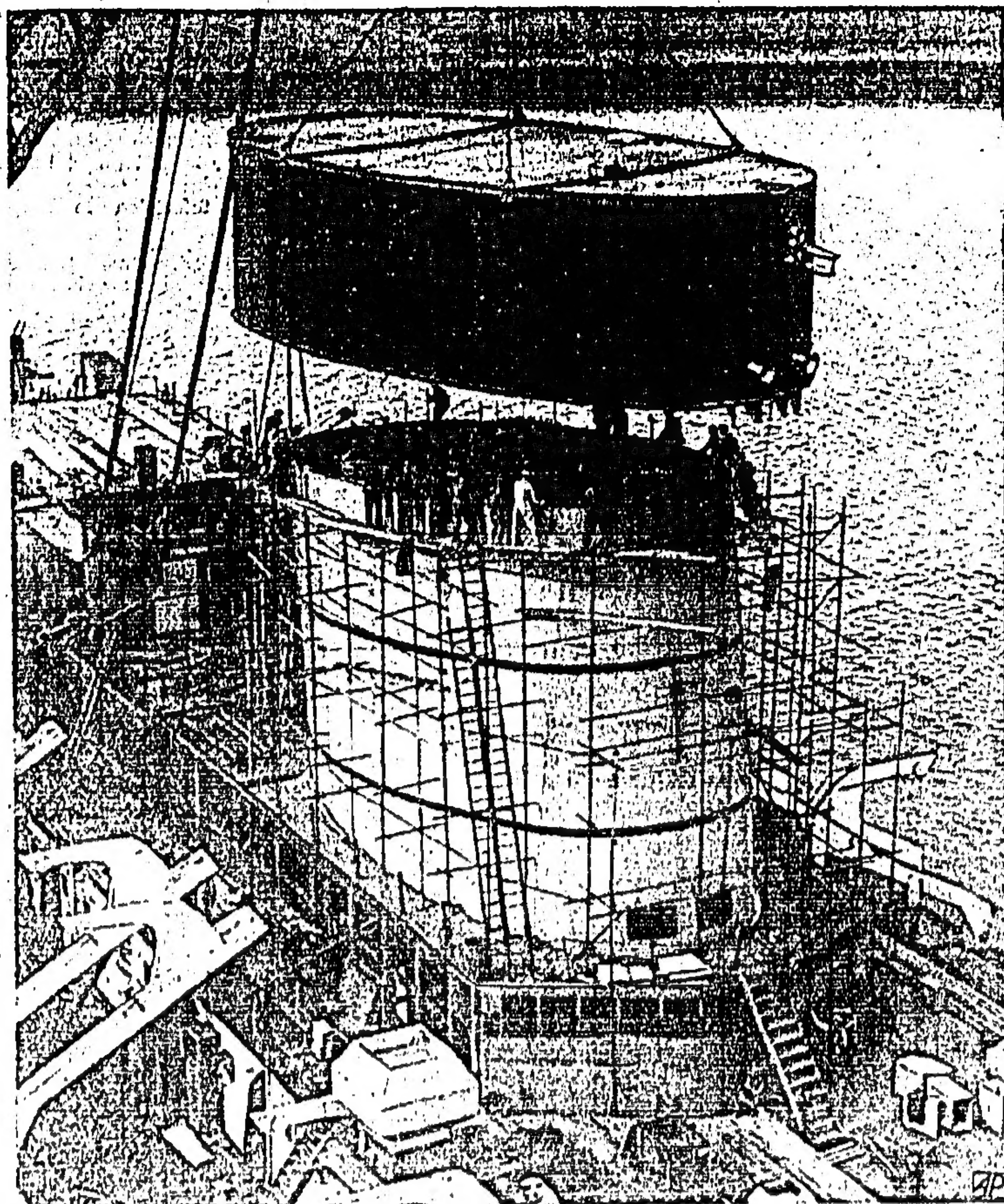


"Mrs. Bear's eyes have not deceived her. She keeps the flying creature in sight until it alights on the common, and as she hurries forward Rupert slips off its back and scampers to her. 'Whatever has happened?' she gasps. 'Come on. We must run home away from that dreadful thing.' 'But it isn't dreadful,' laughs Rupert happily. 'It's a nice old dragon, and it's brought me all the way from China. Let's find daddy; I want to show him a wonderful new way of catching fish.'"

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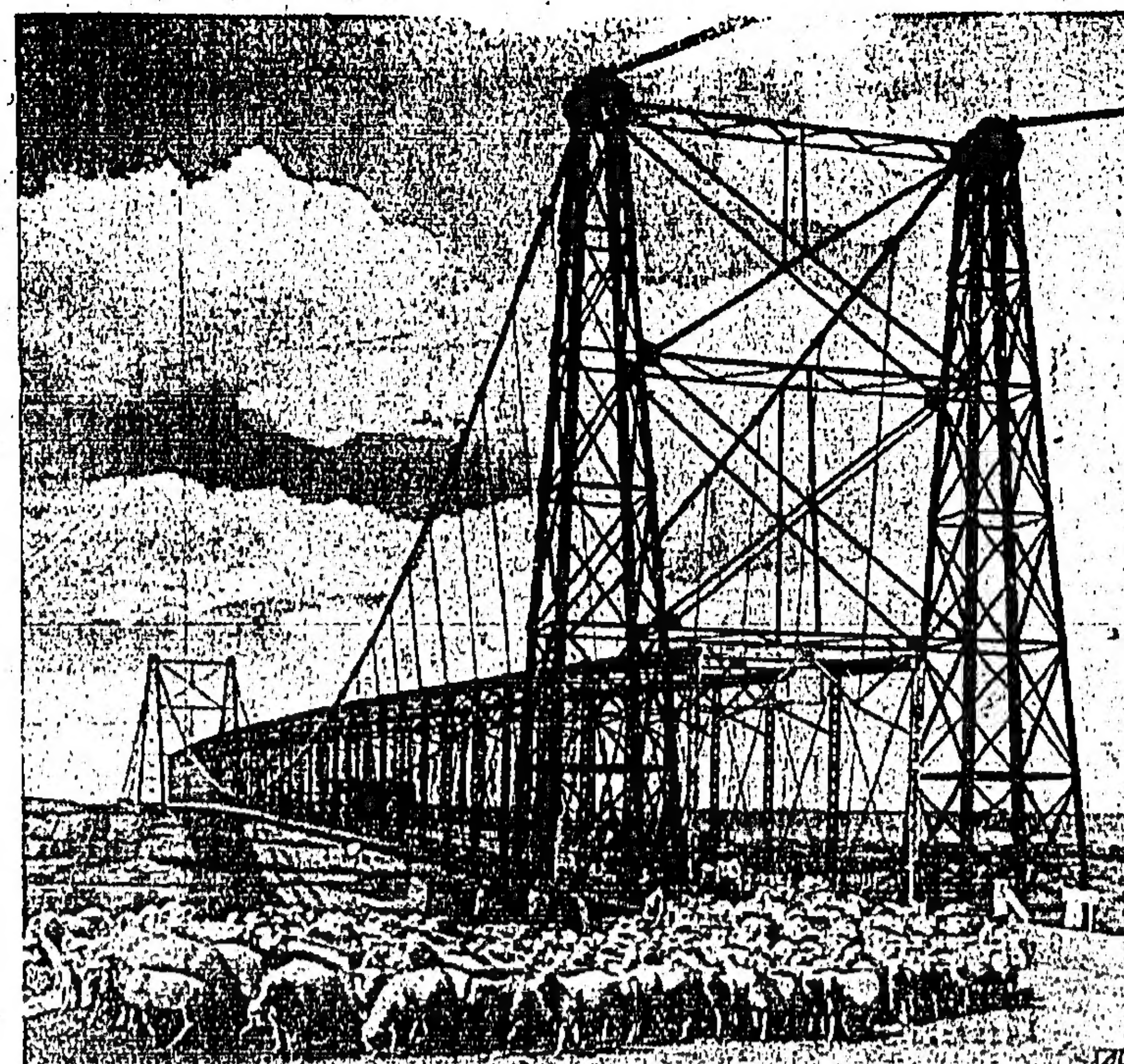
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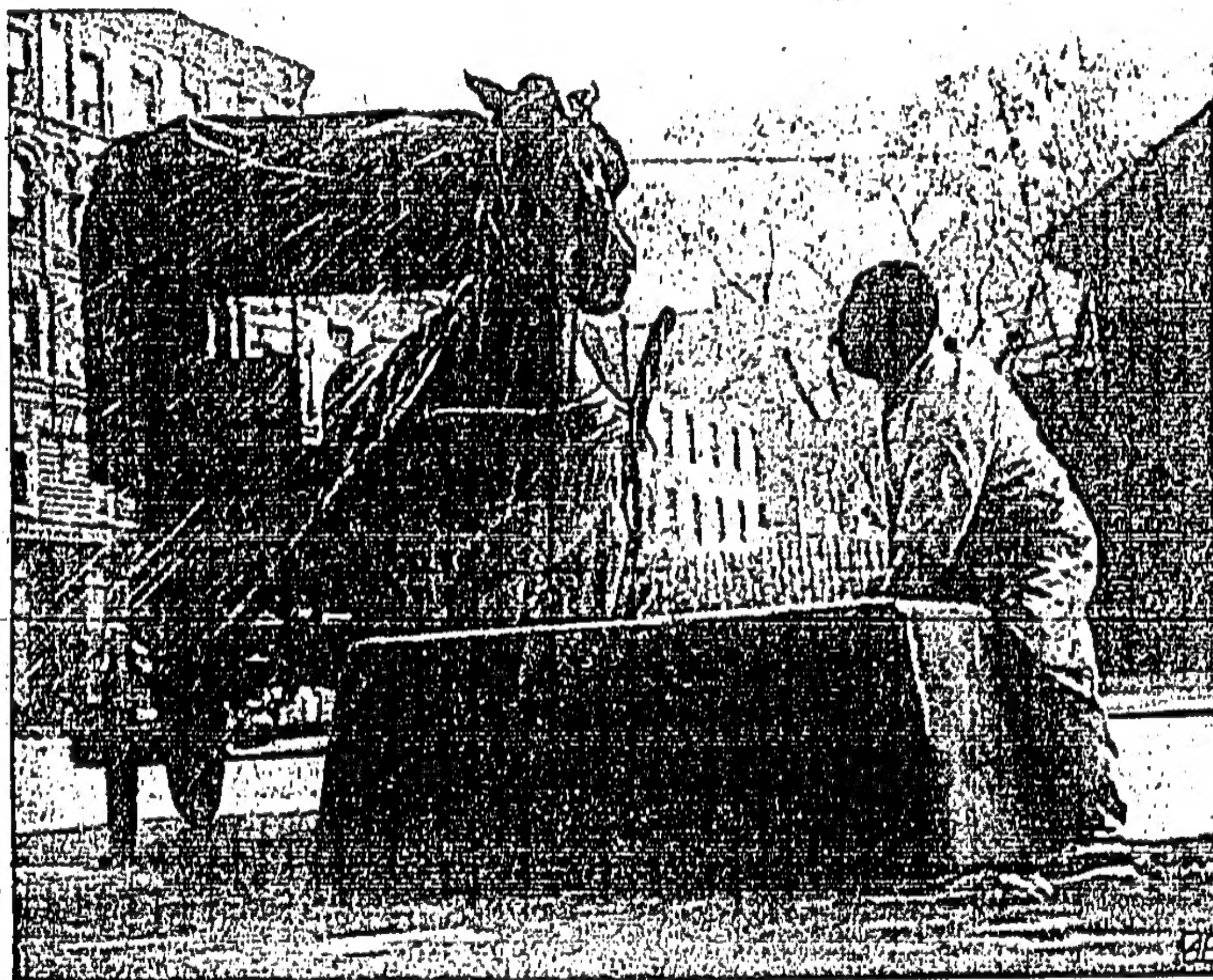
**BIG FUNNEL FITTED**—The final section of the world's largest funnel is swung into position on the new Cunard liner Caronia, now nearing completion at Clydebank, Scotland. The funnel weighs 125 tons, is 53 feet long, 46 feet high and houses machinery.



**PARISIANS CELEBRATE**—The fourth anniversary of the liberation of Paris is commemorated, despite rain, with fireworks in front of the Hotel des Invalides.



**ALONG THE TRAIL**—Indians drive sheep from an approach to the Little Colorado river bridge at Cameron, Arizona, in the Painted Desert region of the Navajo reservation.



**COOLING DOBBIN**—A horse gets a cooling splash from its driver on a hot day in New York. The trough was provided by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



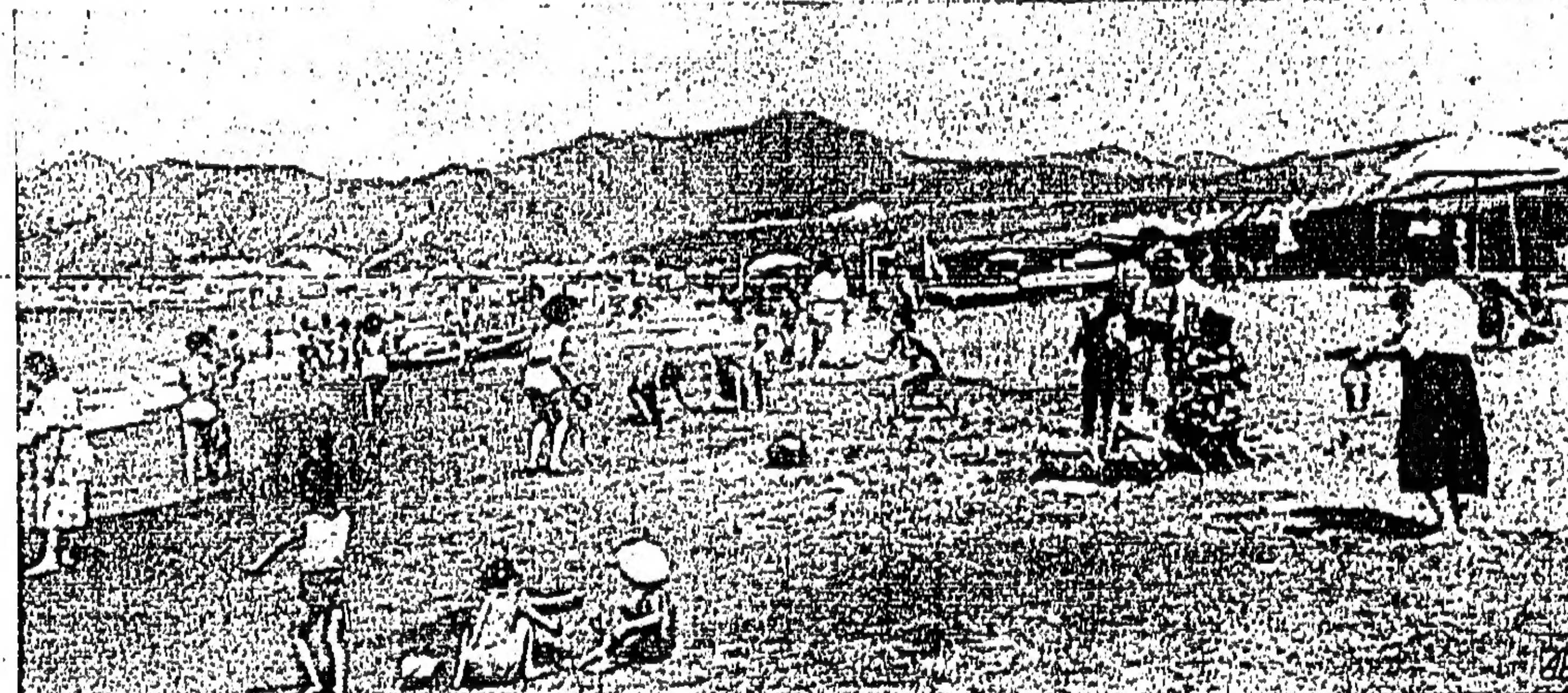
**DOUBLE DUTY**—Twins Freda and Rhoda Hein, student nurses, keep patients and doctors seeing double at the Trinity Lutheran Memorial Hospital at Kansas City, Missouri.



**BUSY SWAN FEEDER**—Little Louise Eburno, aged three, stoops to share her bag of popcorn with three hungry swans during a visit to Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago.



**A MUSED**—Prime Minister Clement Attlee seems to be amused during a reception at the U.S. Embassy in London.



**SALERNO BEACH TODAY**—This is the beach at Salerno, Italy, five years after Allied soldiers stormed ashore to establish a beachhead in the first invasion of the Italian mainland. Days of bloody fighting against the Germans followed.

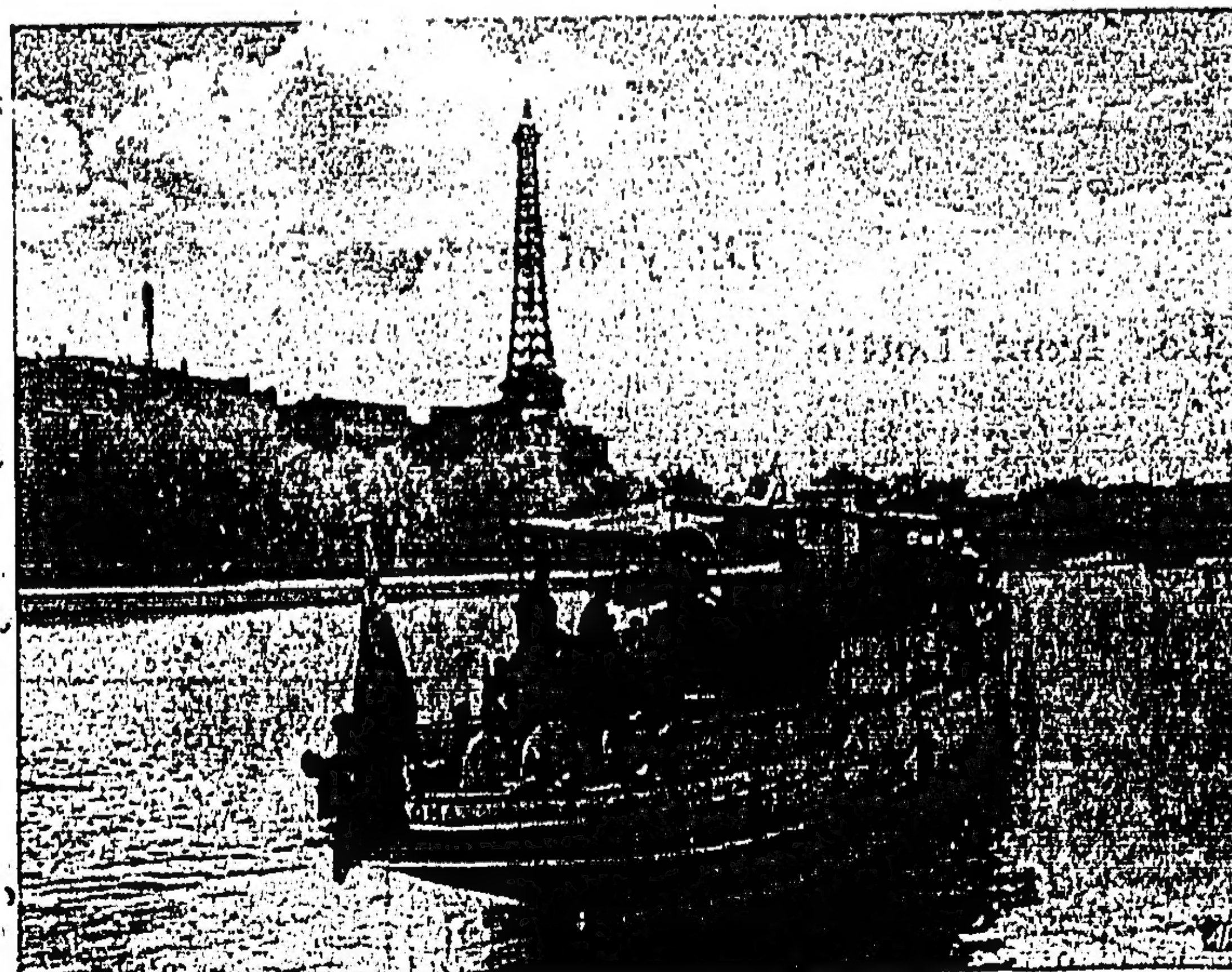
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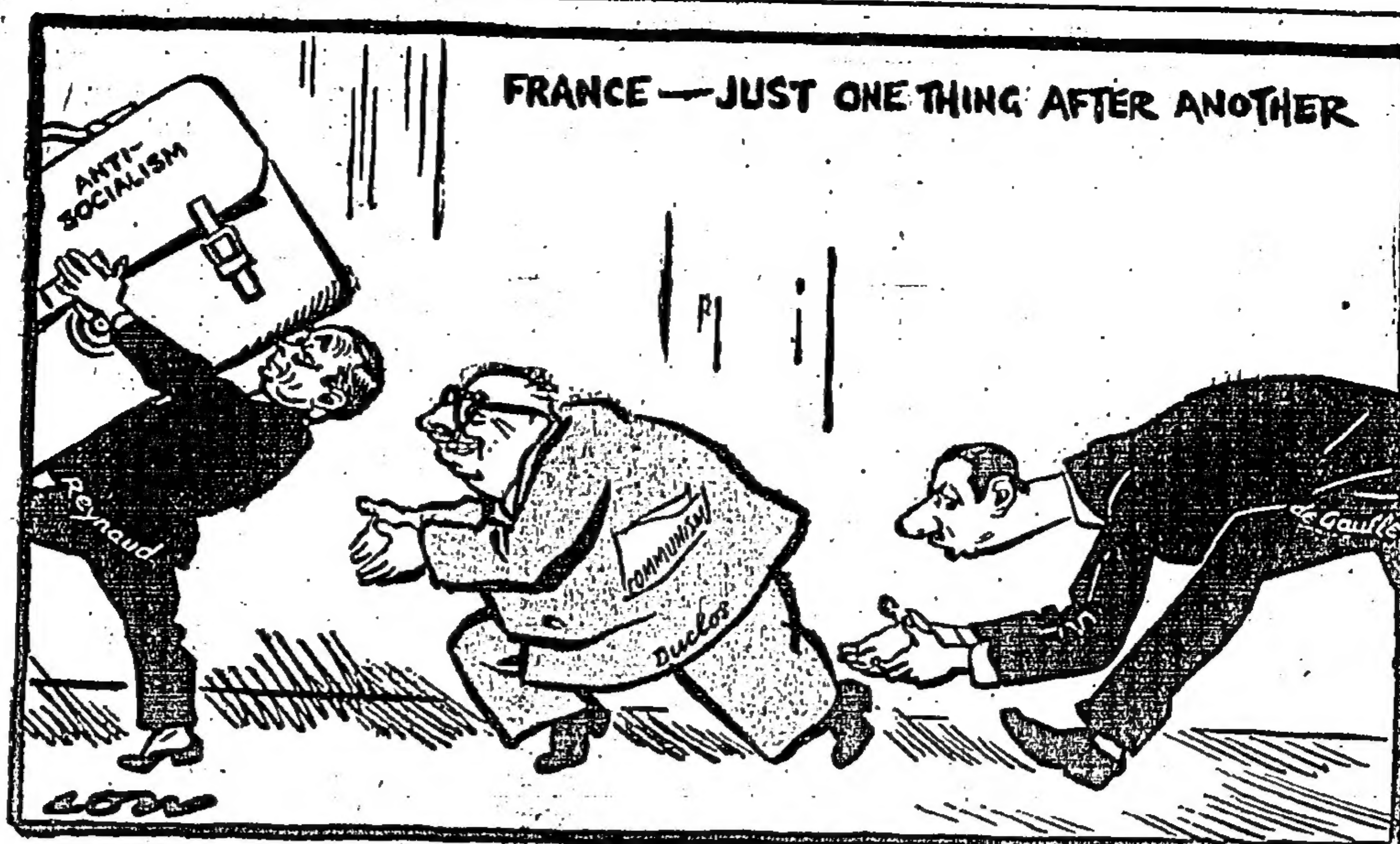
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## Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "I see by the papers that 2,000 doctors at this London conference have decided that we're all balmy."

"Go on," I said.

"Which don't surprise me at all, considering what's going on."

"Nor me," I said.

"When you could get a bag to smoke," said the Sweep, "you didn't care how many of these little old Russians jumped out of windows or what they was a-doin' of in Berlin."

"You certainly didn't," I said. "In fact, so far as I'm concerned, the more that jump out of windows the better."

"Me, too."

"But, for strike a light, when you can't even buy a packet of fags with your moulted coppers you wonder if it's worth while doing any work at all."

"You certainly do."

"For instance," said the Sweep, "what do you get out of your little bit of typh after you've paid your income tax?"

"Nothink much," I said.

"And what can you do with what's left?"

"Nothink much again," I said.

"Why, for stone the crows," said the Sweep, "you can't even ave a steak-and-kidney pudden for your Sunday dinner."

"Too true," I said.

"And if you was to work all day and night it wouldn't make no difference," said the Sweep, "the Government would take it out of you."

"They certainly would."

"So there you are," said the Sweep, "wearin' out your brains for nothink."

"That's right."

"No wonder the doctors think you're balmy," said the Sweep. "Cor luvduck, you'd be better off down the mines doin' a proper man's job."

"Maybe."

"With double rations and a bit of bilberry pie thrown in."

"Thanks."

"And as if things wasn't cheerful enough as it is," said the Sweep, "I see they've sent another 5,000 of them there little old American atomen over ere."

"Go on?"

"Which makes it certain we can't be neutral if anything appens."

"It certainly do."

"Though personally, meself, I would like to ave been neutral. It would make a nice change."

"Very nice."

"So you might as well ave another pint while you can get it, even if you can't ave a fag."

"Thanks," I said.

"The skin of your nose," said the Sweep. "The skin of your nose."

After happy homes had been found for the kittens I was then faced with the problem, mother-head or a career?

Although I was desperately fond of the kittens and wildly happy about it all as they were the dearest things, I did feel I had contributed my fair share to the population because, as one of these frightfully clever statisticians, or whatever they are, said, if each two of a species produce four (or was it six, I forget now) the population will be maintained despite disease, accident, and what have you.

In any case, I always believed literature was my forte and never really wanted those absolutely astronomical families some cats go in for.

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I SHOULD think after the first 100 one could feel pretty browned off about the whole thing, apart from the fact that large families are rather bourgeois.

So I had my operation. I mean the operation which is positively the latest thing for she cats, and means that you simply can't have any more kittens whatever happens. It was terribly simple. Three days in a nursing home with the loveliest food and the sweetest vet imaginable, and I was home again feeling fitter than ever.

Of course, life afterwards is just the tidiest bit restricted. In small towns news travels pretty fast, and I must say I was surprised that my gentlemen friends knew about it almost at once and refused all invitations to my "at homes."

Nevertheless, I soon found a new circle of friends among those with similar social handicaps, two of them being Sir fluff-fluff, who is frightfully well connected as the spelling of his name shows, and my column correspondent who signed himself "Almost a Gentleman."

"AAG" is too sweet for words, cultured, witty, with a perfectly marvellous understanding of a girl's point of view.

So my evenings are not so dull as you might think. I have found a new world and I'm terribly, terribly happy.

## Diary of a worm

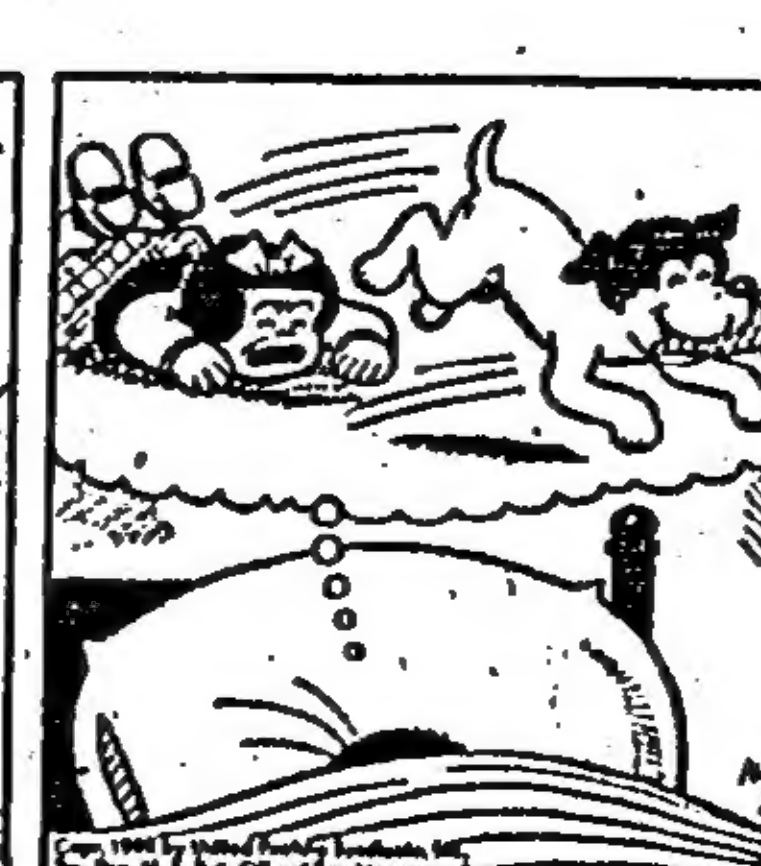
## Letter from Lottie

Lottie, cat columnist, writes: It will come as a surprise to millions of my readers to hear that I became the mother of four kittens last April. That's why I didn't write my column.

HAPPY holiday worm in flannel trousers and open-neck shirt is walking along front with wife when worm's old pre-war seaside friend, hearty, blistered blonde in slacks, yellow jumper, and scarlet head duster, runs up and flings powerful arms round worm's neck, taking no notice of wife.

## NANCY

They Dream, Too



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Mr Radigan Has A Name For Television

BY FREDERICK COOK

MR Patrick ("Parkey") Radigan, who runs a small tavern across the river from New York, in Hoboken, New Jersey, is now prepared to concede without too much prompting, that television in America has really "arrived."

He is also prepared to add, without any prompting at all, that if he never hears the word television again it will be too soon.

"I'm wanting no further part of it at all whatever," is the way Mr Radigan himself expresses it. In fact, "he has a word for it."

Until a few months ago Parkey Radigan lived a humdrum, quiet life. The only excitement that came his way was when he had to help subdue a patron who had managed to imbibe too much of his beer. Then Mr Radigan made a major mistake: he bought a television set.

For a while he did not realise what he had done. He liked to watch the programmes himself, too. But he got to thinking that the children of his neighbourhood—a gloomy district of tenements and factories—would be much better off watching television than in playing gangsters and cops in the gutter.

He took to inviting them in, late in the afternoon when trade was slack, for a free television show. That ended his quiet life.

### A STAR HIMSELF

NEWS of Parkey Radigan's Children's Hour spread through Hoboken in a matter of days. So many children swarmed to see the show that legitimate patrons with a legitimate thirst could no longer get near enough to the bar to assume it, and took it to a rival establishment. The story got into the local papers.

Reporters and photographers flocked to Hoboken. Parents came along to see what the kid's excitement was all about. Traffic slowed and finally stopped.

The footpath outside Radigan's bar became impassable. Mr Radigan became a television star himself. He was "interviewed" and told his story on a national station.

Hundreds of offers poured in from people who wished him to sponsor their soda pop and chewing gum, television sets, motorcars and children's toys.

Parkey stammered and sweated under the studio lights a second time while a television news reel was made of his Children's Hour. The story hit a national picture magazine. Then trouble really began.

### BEGAN TO FLINCH

THE local postman, a pal of Parkey's for years, began giving him a sour look as he staggered in with his mail in a sack and emptied it on the floor. Soon deliveries came twice a day—by lorry.

Parkey began to flinch every time his telephone rang; it was always somebody trying to sell him something or get him to sign something.

He did not wish to buy anything or sign anything. He wanted to go on selling beer and being friendly to kids. The fan mail became enormous. Here and there a crankpot letter, abusing him for his kindness. (Continued on Page 5)

## The Austin dispute is a new world headache

by VINCENT EVANS

THE Austin motor workers are back at their jobs—but with the issue on which 15,000 men struck still unsettled.

The issue is this: Shall a newly installed American machine be worked at the speed at which the Americans say it can be worked, or shall its efficiency be stepped down to keep time with the rhythm of our own prewar production?

Behind that issue lies a long series of others, in which the whole of Britain's industrial future is involved. Two of them are vital.

### THE FIRST ISSUE

Vast numbers of British workmen fear the advancing mammoth of the automatic machine. To them, it represents—wrongly, as history shows—loss of work, loss of pay, and loss of the craftsman's dignity. Those fears are understandable and human. We all have them in one form or another.

Their history goes back a long way—to the fight of the cotton worker against the power loom. Men went round the industrial north smashing up the machines.

It goes back to the fight of the coalminer against the automatic coalcutter.

It was the power loom and the coalcutter which won the fights—as they were bound to.

And it was the men who worked them who benefited. Their work became cleaner. The drudgery went out of it. Instead of employment falling, it increased.

Production of the goods created the demand. Every new development increased it and gave the industry fresh vitality. New cars, new machines for the home, radio, then television.

Work brought work and progress was afoot.

The motor and aircraft industries are a perfect example. In 1924 they employed 190,000 men and women. By 1929 the number was 223,000. That period saw the end of the sliver, the beginning of the roadster. In 1934 the total was 243,000; it was the period of streamlining and the beginning of luxury. In 1938, when the car was coming within reach of everyone's pocket, jobs in the industry had gone up to 359,000.

That is a story of great achievement—of higher wages, more leisure, improved conditions of work.

THE SECOND ISSUE: For all the fanfares, Britain's trade is still in desperate plight. Our output, on present standards of production, has reached something like its limit. The increases are mainly in value, not volume.

They are still not enough to compete with the avalanche of American production. They must be made to compete. And there is only one way to do that. We must streamline our production methods.

The new machines must come in from the humble gear-cutter which caused the strike at Austins to the giant automatic spot-welder which does a dozen men's jobs in one.

### That is progress. It is the kind

of progress which increased Britain's working population by 2,000,000 between the two wars.

It is the kind of progress which brings the greatest good to the greatest number. Every man or woman who does a good job of work is entitled to his car, his radio, the comforts of labour-saving devices. The field is wide and enticing—both at home and abroad.

The fruits of it will be gathered in only when we accept everything that a progressive world, moving on despite us, has to offer.

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## Kotikov's Piece Of "Calculated Self-Inflation"

Berlin, Sept. 15.—A British spokesman here today described as "a piece of calculated self-inflation" a letter from Major-General Alexander Kotikov, Soviet Commander in Berlin, protesting against last Thursday's anti-Communist demonstrations in the German capital.

The demonstrations, in the British sector, culminated with the stoning of Soviet soldiers and Eastern sector police. A Soviet flag was torn down from the Brandenburg Gate.

General Kotikov, in a letter to Major-General E. O. Herbert, the British Commandant, had "insisted" that the persons responsible should be punished and measures taken to prevent a repetition.

His letter added: "The inactivity of the British and German police in your sector was regarded by the Soviet provocateurs as an encouragement of their criminal actions."

General Kotikov also charged that "the Fascist bandits" fired shots at the Soviet guards at the Gate. The British spokesman said that the only shots fired were by the Soviet guards, who "became apprehensive of the somewhat unfriendly attitude of the crowd."

The spokesman said General Kotikov described himself as "the Commandant of Berlin," but in this case had signed his letter as "Kotikov commander."

"It seems probable that this is intended to convey the impression that

the British Commandant has no jurisdiction over the city as a whole and that the Russian Commandant is reserving this position to himself," the spokesman said.

The spokesman denied that the Brandenburg memorial had been desecrated and also rebuffed a Soviet charge that General Herbert was present during the alleged incidents. He added that General Kotikov had also written General Herbert concerning the shot alleged to have been fired at a Soviet guard at the memorial on Sunday. This second letter was being replied to by General Herbert, he added.

### SOVIET LETTER

General Kotikov's letter to General Herbert was handed to a British duty officer by a Russian officer at 2 a.m. local time. According to the German news agency, DENA, General Kotikov said in his letter that a group of criminal elements desecrated the memorial to the Soviet soldiers who fell in the storming of Berlin.

"Fascist bandits," it said, "fired a few shots at the Soviet guard at the memorial. They violently disturbed public order, which resulted in death or bodily harm to a few civilians, and assaulted Soviet sector police, as well as members of the Soviet Army who were engaged in restoring order." The agency said the letter continued: "All these happenings have caused a profound indignation among the democratic public which is not willing to see Berlin become a focus of the criminal activity of Fascist and militarist elements, as any such activity is prohibited by the Potsdam Conference decisions."

Whereas General Kotikov's letter was signed as the "City of Berlin Military Commandant," the letter is addressed to the "British Berlin Garrison Commander," the agency said.

### NO DESECRATION

The British spokesman had said that there was no desecration of the memorial. "On the contrary," he added, "the memorial was cordoned off throughout by British military police and German police. General Kotikov complains of the 'inactivity' of the British military police when he should be supremely grateful to them for protecting his troops and preventing their firing on the crowd."

"Comment is also made," the spokesman continued, "that General Herbert was present when the incidents took place. This is untrue. He was watching the Trooping of the Colours of the Queen's Regiment at the Olympic Stadium, and arrived at the war memorial as the crowd was dispersing."

"OPEN TERROR" Berlin, Sept. 15.—The Western Government's constitutional Convention over-rode both Allied and Communist advice today and denounced the Russians for sentencing five German youths who took part in the week's anti-Red demonstration in Berlin.

Before the resolution was adopted, British and American liaison officers warned the Germans they were getting out of their depths in making the statements concerning the Berlin crisis.

They told Lord Adenauer, Convention president, and the 65 delegates here to draw up a constitution, not to pass resolutions on the general political situation.

The Convention, by a 60 to one vote, with the only Communist present dissenting, condemned the 25-year sentences as a "open terror."—United Press.

### CITY OFFICIAL TRIED

Berlin, Sept. 15.—The American Military Government tonight charged Russian with acting illegally by trying a Berlin City official in secret in a Soviet Court.

The Russian authorities refused to permit the Americans to observe the trial of Dr. Kurt Mueckenberg, former head of the city coal organization who was arrested by the Russians last month, the Military Government asserted.

Dr. Mueckenberg's trial, presumably on charges of "sabotage," reportedly began today in Berlin's Soviet sector, United States authorities said.

A similar secret Russian court sentenced five German youths to 25 years' hard labour on Monday for attacking Russian soldiers during an anti-Communist demonstration last week.

"The Soviet authorities have taken three clearly illegal steps" in Dr. Mueckenberg's case, the Americans charged.

Firstly, the Soviet Commandant ordered Dr. Mueckenberg's dismissal from his city office which is under the four power control, when the Commandant has competence only in the Soviet sector.

Secondly, the Russians arrested Dr. Mueckenberg unilaterally. Thirdly, Russia is now trying Dr. Mueckenberg in a court closed both to the public and Allied observers. The United States officers said that the actual charges in Dr. Mueckenberg's trial are not known, but it is suspected that the former coal chief will be tried as a saboteur.—United Press.

## Compete For National Beauty Title



In Atlantic City to compete for the title of Miss America, (l-r) Dorothy Jean Smith, Miss Missouri; Reba Loretta Watterson, Miss California; Carol Held, Miss Wyoming; Van Louise McDaniel, Miss Arkansas; Lorraine May Louder, Miss Washington State, take their first walk along the boardwalk. —AP Picture.

## U.S. ARMY HIRES DOCK WORKERS

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—About 1,000 CIO Longshoremen were near the Fort Mason employment office today where Army officials were signing dockworkers over the union's protests. No violence was reported.

Under an agreement with the deputy police chief, James Guley, the Longshoremen stationed on four pickets at the entrance to the office, although others milled about the streets in the vicinity to dissuade workers from signing up for what the Union called "scab work."

The Army started hiring men on Tuesday to load ships with Army cargo for Far Eastern ports. The Union told its members that anyone who signed up to work the ships would be considered a strike-breaker.

The Army said that about 38 men passed through the picket line to apply for its maritime jobs on Tuesday. The Union said that only four men went through the line.

The Union opposition was caused mainly because the Army was using the direct hiring system instead of going through the Union hiring hall—one of the main issues in the current strike.

The CIO Longshoremen Union said that it intended to "resist strike-breaking with all resources at its command, including a call to Longshoremen overseas to refuse to unload scab cargo at the ports of destination."—United Press.

## GEN. HALDER ON TRIAL

Munich, Sept. 15.—General Franz Halder, 64, chief of the staff of the German General Staff, went on trial before the German Court as a Nazi "major offender" today.

If found guilty, General Halder will be liable to 10 years' imprisonment and confiscation of all his property.

He was charged with responsibility for the misery created in Europe by war and with the extermination of entire clans of people.

Russian propagandists claimed several times that General Halder commands a secret German army organized in Western Germany which will be used in a new "imperialist war against the Soviet Union."

The Americans deny the Soviet charges.—United Press.

## Arctic Flying Now Solved

Washington, Sept. 15.—General George C. Kenney, Chief of the Strategic Air Command, said today the United States Air Force has solved the problem of operating in the Arctic.

He said the tests in the Arctic region made last winter had taught American air crews to fly B-29 Superfortresses "with high efficiency" in the bitter cold.—Reuter.

## Peak Residence Burgled

During the early hours of today, burglars entered the house of Mr. A. S. Abbott, No. 23 the Peak, access being gained by removing a window pane at the back of the house. A considerable amount of property was stolen, including a radio set, electric clock, dinner service, vases, provisions and beer.

## Russians Fire Star Shell Over U.S. Ship

Washington, Sept. 15.—A spokesman for the Maritime Commission today said the Commission had received a report that the Russians had fired a star shell to illuminate the Liberty ship, Moses Brown, carrying coal from the Russian island of Sakhalin to Korea.

The spokesman said the ship "apparently got too close to the coast of Sakhalin and the Russians fired a star shell to illuminate the ship."

"Why they did it is anybody's guess," he added. "Their reason may have been to warn the ship that it was too close to shore—possibly near shoals."

He said the ship was "not fired on with ammunition," according to a report received by the Maritime Commission.

A State Department spokesman said the Department had received a report from the Maritime Commission and had asked the Commission for more information. The Commission said it had asked the Sheppard Line, operators of the ship, for further details.—United Press.

### ONLY ONE FLARE

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—An official of the Sheppard Steamship Company announced here today that the Liberty ship, Moses Brown, while operating in the waters between Japan and Siberia, was "illuminated" on Saturday night by what was believed to have been a parachute flare.

F. C. Ninnis, district manager for the line, said his office received a routine report, giving the position of the ship and mentioning only as incidental information that it had been "illuminated."

The source of illumination was not discovered and only one flare was touched off, Mr. Ninnis said. He scoffed at reports that the Moses Brown had been fired upon by coastal guns located in Siberia.

"The position in the report did not indicate that the ship was close to any coastline," he said. "I believe it was illuminated by a parachute flare, probably set off by some warship or plane in the area merely to identify the vessel. When she was identified, she was allowed to proceed unharmed."

The Moses Brown has a crew of 38 aboard and was carrying a cargo of coal.—United Press.

## Wants A New Spirit From S'hai Police

Shanghai, Sept. 16.—Five hundred Chinese police officers were told to discard all traces of an "international settlement" attitude and "develop a revolutionary spirit" in the execution of their duties.

Addressing the backbone of Shanghai's police force, Garrison Commander Lt-General Hsuan Tzu-wu spoke on the occasion of the third anniversary of the assumption of the police functions of the former International Settlement and French Concession of Shanghai.

General Hsuan described the present situation as an "emergency," calling upon the police "to show readiness to assist and protect people."

(One newspaper construed Hsuan's admonitions to mean that he expects the police "to aid common people.")

Police Commissioner Schoberer Yu, who spoke briefly after General Hsuan, urged his officers "to consider carefully the instructions of General Hsuan."—Associated Press.

## BURMA'S NEW CABINET

Rangoon, Sept. 15.—The new Burmese cabinet, including the following portfolios, was officially announced today:

Thakin Nu—Prime Minister, Home Affairs and Defence.

U Kyaw Myein (Socialist)—Foreign Affairs.

U Tin (non-party)—Finance.

U Ohn (non-party)—Commerce and Supplies.

U Tun (non-party)—Information.

U Win (Socialist)—Education.

Mahn Ba Saing (Karen Youths League)—Karen Affairs.

The new cabinet, of 21 ministers, contained five socialists, while the non-party members are mostly from the anti-Fascist People's Freedom League and are regarded as having socialist leanings. There was also one trade union leader and one member of the wing of the People's Volunteer Organisation, which remained loyal to the A.F.F.P.L.

The New Times of Burma wrote today: "Economically the new government will be faced with conditions which will become chaotic unless law and order can be restored at an early date."

Part of the troubles it was inheriting was due to circumstances which did not enable its predecessor to be firm enough with the Communists or the other opposition groups, the White Band and the People's Volunteer Organisation, the paper added.—Reuter.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS

A total of sixteen cases are listed for trial at this month's Criminal Sessions, which opens at the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. on Monday, when pleas will be taken.

Included among the cases is one against a woman who is charged with attempted murder, and two of rape and carnal knowledge.

The cases for trial are as follows:

Cheung Wah, alias Cheung Yau-chuen, alias Cheung Yau-chai, alias Fung Chi-chin, alias Fung Leung; Lui Shui-shing, alias Ma Shui, alias Ng Lai; Cheung Hung, alias Ho Shing, alias Wong Shiu-chung, alias Li Hung, alias Leung Hing, alias Chan Hung; Ng Kwong-yuen—breach of deportation order.

Ho Tong, alias Ho Ting—robbery by two or more.

Chan Wah, alias Chan Kai and Lee Tak-hing—armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition.

Lam Muk and Tse Yan alias Tse Yau—altering a letter demanding money with menaces; conspiracy to utter a letter demanding money with menaces; possession of a letter demanding money with menaces; conspiracy.

Wong Choon—robbery by two or more; forcible taking with intent to procure a ransom; forcible detention with intent to procure a ransom; possession of arms; conspiracy; receiving stolen property.

Mok Fu and Mok Shung-kan—altering a letter demanding money with menaces; possession of a letter demanding money with menaces; conspiracy.

Chau Chi-ming—uttering a threatening letter; demanding money with menaces.

Tsang Hing-chau—Two counts of carnal knowledge of a girl under 13 years of age; two counts of indecent assault.

Lau Mau-chuen—possession of ammunition.

Li So—two counts of armed robbery; possession of arms and ammunition.

Lo Kam, Ho Fai and Lai Lup—possession of arms and ammunition.

Leung Oi—attempted murder.

Chan Chung-yun—rape; possession of arms and ammunition.

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## Wide Repercussions To Chiang Speech Expected

Shanghai, Sept. 16.—Political as well as economic repercussions are expected today to follow on the heels of President Chiang Kai-shek's denunciation of "high living social parasites" in China, whom he linked on a par with the Communists as enemies of the state. New reforms are being awaited here.

The Generalissimo, in a nation-wide broadcast in which he reaffirmed the Government's plans to push through to completion reform of the nation's social structure, economy and politics, outlined a new austerity programme. The President appealed to the people to live frugally and work like Trojans.

He pledged the Government to open the floodgates of public consciousness in order to defeat the Communists and restore national prosperity.

However, it was his castigation of elements of Chinese society on which the first reaction is expected. The Generalissimo said the Communists are not the only threat to the country. He said that speculators and hoarders who are "leading a licentious life" have not only undermined the nation's productivity but also created a demoralising effect on the armed forces and the people at large.

Discussing the reform of China's social structure, economy and politics, the Generalissimo declared: "In enforcement it must start with the individual citizen. Every Chinese

who is sound in body and mind must depend on his own labour for a living. Whatever work one can do himself shall not be delegated to others."

The Generalissimo warned that there must be countrywide belt-tightening. He said there must be less consumption and more production but they must be accompanied by stamping out corruption and eliminating waste.

**REVOLUTIONARY PLAN**  
The President summed up the entire programme as a "revolutionary social movement."

President Chiang promised that offenders would be submitted to spotlight behaviour to induce the people to look upon extravagance and enjoyment of luxuries as dishonourable behaviour. He said that at the same time praise will be accorded to conformists.

The President said that in order to save the nation it was necessary to "stamp out treacherous rebels and high living social parasites upon whom I cannot but put the blame for the present crisis."

He added: "We should all realise the seriousness of our responsibility and the stupor of our task."—United Press.

## LEAFLET RAID FOR TAXES

Tokyo, Sept. 15.—Three cities in Tochigi Prefecture, 60 miles north of Tokyo, will be "bombed" by leaflets by an Allied plane.

It was announced today that the plane, furnished by the First Cavalry Division, will drop 100,000 leaflets urging the Japanese to pay taxes promptly and help reduce taxation.

The stunt is sponsored by the Japanese Finance Ministry and supported by the Eighth Army military government.

The last time planes dropped leaflets were American B-29s during the war, telling the Japanese people of Japanese setbacks in the war.—United Press.

## MR RADIGAN HAS A NAME

(Continued from Page 4)

Finally he got so much mail that he began to read only the registered letters. And there, in the end, he found release from his dilemma. It came in a Government letter pointing out to a bewildered Mr. Radigan—in not unkindly tones, however—that he had made himself some sort of criminal by inviting minors into a place where alcoholic drinks were served.

Mr. Radigan sighed with relief—and cancelled the whole thing forthwith. Hoboken is returning to normal.







# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"We ought to get married this summer—if we wait till autumn some silly obstacle like buying coal might stop us!"

## LESSON HAND

Opponents' Bidding Hints at Distribution

AK 772	Half
K 775	33
Q 82	8
Q 886	1007
Q 43	352
84	383
1004	
Dealer	
AK 76	
AK 10052	
AK 3	
AK 76	

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

TODAY'S lesson hand is the result of a discussion that I had with Ivan Half, of Pittsburgh, Pa. A player rarely gives me a hand in which he got the worst of it. Therefore, I thought the point Half brought out all the more impressive.

You will note that over four no trump, Half bid five diamonds. North bid six hearts and South went to seven hearts. The opening lead of the eight of diamonds was won by declarer with the jack, as Half did not put up the king.

Now declarer's only problem was the heart suit. Should he play them to split two-two, or if he played them to split three-one, which hand should hold the three and which the one?

The odds favoured the hearts breaking three-one, not two-two. As Half said, his bid of five diamonds indicated that he could not have more than a singleton heart. Therefore, declarer's correct play was to lead the ace of hearts, then the ten of hearts, and take the finesse if West refused to cover.

Half's five diamond bid, as often happens in a hand of this type, did more to help the opponents than for his own side. With that bid, declarer should have no trouble in figuring out the correct distribution of the hearts.

## CROSSWORD

- Across
- At the farm (Anag.). (9)
  - Almshouse point. (4)
  - A stupid. (4)
  - He's usually interested in skins. (7)
  - Guns are the stream. (4)
  - Up to the time of. (5)
  - Check. (4)
  - When Ada leaves Mandalay. (5)
  - Generally precedes an uprising. (6)
  - No bolt without an article. (3)
  - Core therefore. (4)
  - A three-colored figure. (5)
  - Table. (4)
  - Stars for this flower. (5)
  - The time for rage? (5)
  - Truant (see anag.). (10)
  - It's a short morning. (4)
  - From rumble from felled trees. (6)
  - Musical instrument. (3)
  - Settled. (3)
  - Woolen-like animals. (7)
  - Girl's name. (5)
  - Remedied. (5)
  - Time. (4)

## DUMB BELLS

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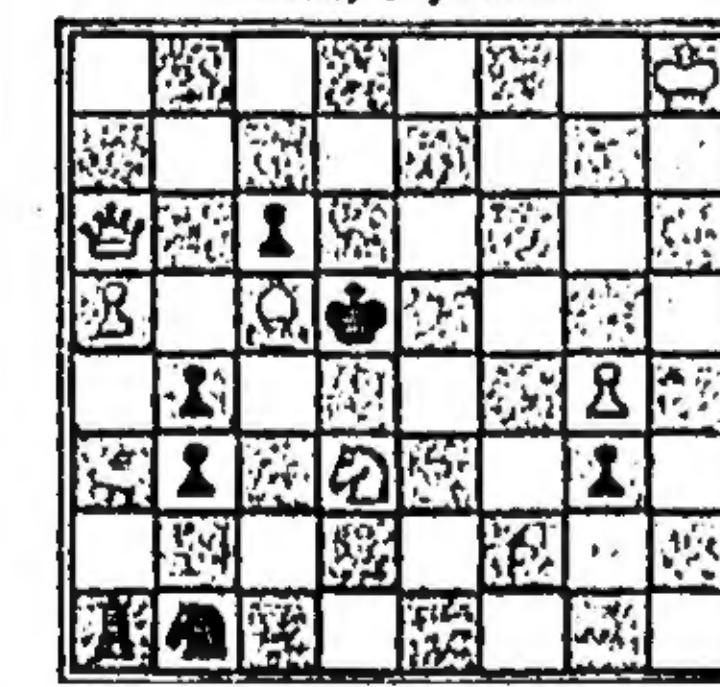


## Check Your Knowledge

- Which language contains the most words, English, German, French or Italian?
- A quadrat is what part of a circle?
- What was the subject of Homer's "Iliad"?
- Who won the Marathon race at the first modern Olympic games in 1896?
- Why were dolls given to mothers in ancient Japan?
- What composer was affectionately nicknamed "Papa"?

Answers on Column 4

## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ABELA  
Black, 7 pieces.

White, 6 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Q-B5, any; 2. Q, B, or K (ch, or dch) mates.

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

BORN today, you dislike discord and will go a very long way around to escape a fight. You believe that there can be peace and harmony if everyone is sympathetic, kind, understanding and co-operative. Hence you intend to be like that, and by your works set an example to all mankind. But you are not lacking in individuality, and if opposed in your ideas, you will revert to a type of passive resistance which is quite as effective in gaining your ends as a good fist fight.

You are very fond of Nature and seem to find inspiration and pleasure from living in the country. You probably would be very unhappy if condemned to city living for long intervals.

The stars have given you a good mind, but you do not use it as much as you might. You find life rather

easy, so do not exert yourself. If you wished, you could become very successful in business, for you are quite shrewd in this direction. You know when to keep a secret, and easily might find yourself in some highly confidential position.

You women are inclined toward the frivolous-loving fine clothes, pretty jewellery, and luxurious living accommodations. You are attractive to the opposite sex, and will probably have many romances before selecting a life partner. But once you have made your choice, you are steadfast and loyal—making a life-career of being a wife, homemaker and mother.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Minor upsets are bound to cause regression in your activities, so move cautiously when you move at all.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Check your assets; move cautiously forward when you see a chance, but don't push too hard against the tide.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—High temper can ruin a good prospect if you talk out of turn now. Be patient and co-operative.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Make sure everything is on the "up and up" before diving into anything today. Look before leaping.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Avoid committing yourself on any important plan of future procedure until another day. Guard assets; check all details.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Expansion of activities is unwise right now. Hold on to what advantages you have and postpone aggressive action.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Think before you speak or act. Discern in all things is the order of this day for your interests.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Things may appear better than they are. Be guarded in your actions; make sure of all facts presented.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—This is a better day for you than for many. Signs of increased activity stimulate action. Assert yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—Improved conditions with indications of some travel. Avoid being too adventurous, but make progress just the same.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—Emotions can cause complications if you permit them to get out of control. Count ten—if angry; be patient.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—The mechanical trades and those closely connected with the land are the two groups favoured. Others, be careful.

## RECORDED MUSIC:

## SOME NEW OFFERINGS OF IGOR STRAVINSKY

By DELOS SMITH

IGOR Stravinsky is presented in a 12-inch single (Columbia) and a fat and fancy album (RCA Victor). Since neither contains anything to justify his reputation as the greatest composer of the 20th century, I prefer the single. It costs less. And it doesn't give off enough second-rate Stravinsky to blur your memory of the four or five masterpieces upon which his reputation is based.

On one side is the "Pastorale" for violin and wind quartet. On the other is "Russian Maiden's Song" for violin and piano. Their virtues is that they say what they have to say and in the process engross you by the way they say it. Joseph Szigeti plays his violin with his usual effectiveness, and the composer himself has a hand in both performances, first as conductor, then as pianist.

### One-Third of a Soldier

The five 12-inchers of the album are taken up by "The Soldier's Tale" ("L'Histoire du Soldat"), scored for seven instruments, and by a wind octet. The former was intended to be "read, played, and danced" and only one-third of Stravinsky's intention is realised. That third's preoccupation with rhythm leads to deadening repetition and so to burlesqueness. The octet has more life in it, but its spry ideas become rather thin by the time he is done with them. The performers are members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leonard Bernstein, and the performances are memorable.

And so is the performance of Shura Cherkassky, pianist, with Nos. 8, 9, 11, and 16 of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies but, lamentably, for quite another reason. A pianist has nerve when he undertakes to perform this virtuoso display music. Cherkassky does and, pianistically speaking, he falls on his face. (VOX; four 10-in., alb.)

Both Columbia and RCA Victor seem to be putting much effort into their singles. Maybe it is due to the inflation. A good bargain is the 12-inch of Morion Gould, conducting the Robin Hood Dell Orchestra, cutting all sorts of capers with "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and "Dancing Tumbourine." Columbia also has the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy playing Glinka's "Russian and Ludmilla" overture (10-in.) and Weber's "Invitation to the Dance" (12-in.), and the Cleveland Orchestra under Erich Leinsdorf playing Schubert's "Rosamunde" ballet music and a Mozart minuet. (12-in.)

Pleasing RCA Victor singles are: Saint-Saens' "Ophelia's Spinning Wheel" performed by the Royal Philharmonic under Sir Thomas Beecham (12-in.); Edmund Kura, cellist, playing a Handel Largo-etto and Casadeo's "Requiem" (12-in.); Dorothy Maynor, soprano, singing Schubert's "Serenade" and "Love's Message" (10-in.).—United Press.

(Tomorrow—UNUSUAL ANGLES)

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- The English which contains more words than the other three combined.
- The fourth part.
- The Trojan War.
- A Louie, a Greek peasant.
- To keep evil away from their children.
- Franz Joseph Haydn.

## OUTWARD MAILS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Closing Times By Air

Kunming, Luchow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peiping, Swatow, Hainan and Taipei, 3:30 p.m. Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 8 p.m. Canton (Parcels & 2nd class mail) (Sea) 8 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea &amp; Train

Macassar, Sourabaya and Batavia (Sea) 3 p.m. Saigon (Sea) 3 p.m. Ceylon, East and South Africa, Mauritius, Bombay and Karachi (Sea) 3 p.m. Hongkong (Sea) 8 p.m. Canton (Parcels & 2nd class mail) (Sea) 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Closing Times By Air

Canton, (Canton-CFO) 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., (GPO) 2:30 a.m., noon. Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 2:30 a.m. (ord). Swatow, Hainan, and Taipei, 3:30 p.m. Peiping, Swatow, Amoy and Taipei, noon. (reg and ord).

Closing Times By Sea &amp; Train

Macassar and Telanhar (Sea) 7:30 a.m. Swatow (Sea) noon. Shanghai (Sea) noon. Canton (ordinary letters and cards only) (Sea) noon. Bangkok (Sea) noon. Saigon and Sankaka (Sea) noon. Hankow (Sea) noon.

## POCKET CARTOON



## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

TODAY, my little snails, I will write you a new column. I do this because I love you, my woodful of enraged blue-bottles.

Fleet-street, for all its high and mighty ways, its queenly graces, its sea of head-losing on the proud sub-editorial desk, will never print the like again, and Fleet-street has its fingers crossed.

Today, and for one day only, there will be no headings that mean anything, so today you will not have to worry your pretty heads to puzzle anything out. But from time to time I will put one in just to please you, like this:—

### No Oscars for Miss Wild

BUT don't take it seriously, it means no more than the promises of grocers, the cry of a moping owl in the night, the times of train arrivals in the handbook of that Old Lady of Cannon-street. What my little ones, you think you can read a meaning into it?—then you can read more than I. And here is another to batter your heads against:—

### News flash

AH! you thought we were to start afresh, that we could forget what has gone before. No, no, no, today you shall have but one paragraph and this is it. Why should I search the papers for funny pieces to please you, when I can make them up?—

### Cow shot underground

While a large party of film stars were being conducted round a bakery in Stratford-on-Avon a cow was shot in a very manly way. The first time I have ever seen a cow shot in a bakery! said Mr. Stewart-Granger-laughingly.

PERHAPS you think that I invented that? Then you are right. A maggot turned in my brain, and there it was, and I can do better. I could tell you of an underground film star baked in a cow. But enough—let us not part bad friends. Here is a gift for you:—

### Riddle

WHY is an author the strangest of animals?

Answer: Because his tale (tail) comes out of his head.

To the barricades!

## Radio Hongkong

HKT Programme Summary: 8.00, "Of the Sea"; 8.30, "March of the Movies"; 9.00, "Music & Extracts from the Films (ORBS)"; 9.30, "ITMA" with Tommy Hapley (BBCRS); 10.30, "L. de la Hure" (BBCRS); 11.00, "World and Home News (London Relay)"; 11.30, "British Concert Hall" (BBCRS); 12.00, "Under the Stars" (BBCRS); 12.30, "World and Home News (London Relay)"; 1.00, "The Old Rocking Chair" (BBCRS); 1.30, "Radio News Report" (BBCRS); 1.45, "Weather Report and Close Down."



## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

# Canton Black Market In Commodities

Canton, Sept. 15.—Price control in Canton has created the beginnings of a black market in commodities, which is reminiscent of the under-the-counter dealings which went in other countries under wartime rationing.

## HONGKONG SHARES

### MORE ACTIVITY

Trading improved on the Stock Exchange this morning, and the turnover, valued at \$402,800, was the biggest for some days.

This morning's transactions and noon prices were as follows:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HONGKONG	2010		
East Asia	139 1/2		
INSURANCES	380		
Canton	700	705	30 @ 700
Union			30 @ 705
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf (O)	130	141	
Dock	22 1/2	23	
Provident	22 1/2	23	
Shai Dock	20	20 1/2 @ 10 1/2	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	15.10	15 1/2	500 @ 15.20
10K Land	71	73	2000 @ 15 1/4
			100 @ 72
			500 @ 72
			500 @ 72
Shai Land	5.00		500 @ 5.00
UTILITIES			
Tram	21	22 1/2 @ 21	
C. Light	21 1/2	22	100 @ 22
C. Light (N)	17 1/2	18	100 @ 17 1/2
Electric	30 1/2	40 1/4	900 @ 40
Telephone (O)	30 1/2		700 @ 37
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	41 1/2	42 1/2	100 @ 42
STOCKS, ETC.			
China (New)			100 @ 42
Watson (Old)	50	60	100 @ 50
Sincere			300 @ 42
NEWBORN			17.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro			15

Local price control was slow in starting because the lower value of the U.S. dollar during the days of CNG threatened to ruin local merchants. Premier Wong Wen-hao, advised of this, in a cable to municipal officials, authorised price pegging at a realistic level.

The Executive Yuan also sent Dr. Chia Kung-yang, price control specialist, to Canton to help in setting up price control mechanism.

Threats of drastic action have practically killed speculation in foreign currencies in Canton, though people on the inside are still able to get as much as a two percent premium for Hongkong dollars. Commodity prices, however, have risen much more than the approximately 80 percent increase authorised. Economic police action here has not shown itself as vigorous as in Shanghai.

The black market is most apparent in high quality foods. Poorer quality foods are sold at the ceiling price, but only a bonus will bring out top quality commodities.

### INADEQUATE CONTROL

One local restaurateur said that good beef could be bought "if you have a friend." The friend, however, must get GY\$1.10 a catty instead of the controlled price of 90 cents. Top quality rice has been taken off the market at the official price of GY\$2.20, but it can be bought in back rooms for \$35.

Police control is inadequate, one servant who does most of the buying for a local Chinese household averred. She told of trying to buy vegetables while a policeman was near by. The merchant quoted the official price, but dalled in making the sale until the gendarme went away, then demanded a higher price.

Much of the trouble seems to stem from the wholesalers who supply the retailers, or to the farmers themselves. In many cases, farmers are refusing to sell vegetables and are also taking beef off the market, creating artificial shortages.

Here and there, there is evidence of success in price control. Foreign cigarettes are down 15 or 20 percent from prices a week ago, though they are still much higher in terms of Hongkong or US dollars than they were before the currency reform.

The general cost of living is somewhere near 150 percent higher than on August 19 in terms of foreign currency.—United Press.

## Wall Street Unsettled

New York, Sept. 15.—The stock market today turned irregular after displaying a firm tendency. Trading was quiet.

All gains accrued earlier in the day were wiped out shortly past noon following a dispatch from Washington that Secretary of State Marshall had expressed pessimism over the foreign situation at his news conference. The market was also unsettled on the news that the Department of Justice had filed an anti-trust suit against the "big four" meat packing concerns.

The changes throughout the list were small either way with a good part of pivots holding at their previous levels.

Railroad stocks which were favourites earlier in the day were mixed at the close. Steel issues steadied.

Transactions totalled 710,000 shares.

Dow Jones averages at the close of the session stood as follows: 30 Industrials ..... 150.82

20 Railroads ..... 60.43

15 Utilities ..... 34.73

40 Bonds ..... 98.70

—United Press.

## No Increase In Gold Price

Washington, Sept. 15.—U.S. Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder, at a press conference today, said the United States has no intention of considering an increase in the price of gold which, according to rumours, some foreign countries would like to propose at the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Governors of the International Bank and Fund.

In answer to a question, Snyder expressed the opinion that the question of the devaluation of the Mexican peso might be discussed. He said the Treasury expected to be in a position to judge within 30 days or so whether the U.S. inflationary trends are increasing or decreasing.—United Press.

### Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—  
Sterling pound note (per £1) ..... 14.00  
U.S. dollar (per \$1) ..... 8.17  
Gold bars (per 100) ..... 377.00  
BTC plates (per 100) ..... 11.50  
Rum tickets (per 100) ..... 28.30  
NEI guilders (per 100) ..... 40.00

## NEW YORK METAL MARKET

New York, Sept. 15.—The following prices were quoted in the metal market here today:—  
Iron ore (5 1/2 percent iron) ..... US\$35.35  
Superior per ton for ..... US\$35.35  
Copper (Electrolytic Export) ..... 23 1/2 cents  
Zinc (Prime Western New York) per lb ..... 10.03  
Manganese (Manganese) ..... 10.03  
Delivered cost of Mississippi River, per ton ..... 22.00

### SCRAP METALS

The following prices were quoted for scrap:—  
F.O.B. per ton ..... US\$15.75/16.00  
Lead F.O.B. per ton (heavy) ..... 17.50/17.80  
Steel F.O.B. per ton (No. 1 heavy melting) ..... 38.00/39.00  
—United Press.



